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In reply to the September 25, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified Sir: application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please correct Figures 9 and 10 pursuant to the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, lines 15-20, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

A mounting hole 13 of a generally square shape is formed in a bottom portion of the housing 10, and plate-like portions 41 (described later) of the stopper 40 can be inserted into the cord receiving hole portion 11c through this mounting hole 13 in a direction perpendicular to the direction of insertion of the optical fiber cord 90 (see Figs. 2 and 4).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

(Amended) An optical connector comprising: 1.